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The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since the documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

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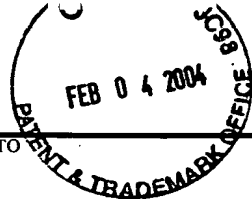
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